

Amendment/Reply

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Title: LATERAL FIELD-EFFECT-CONTROLLABLE SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENT FOR RF APPLICATIONS

REMARKS

This Amendment/Reply accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114 and is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 3, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed March 29, 2006. Claims 1, 4-13, and 16-20 were rejected. With this Response, claims 1 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1, 4-13, and 16-20 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Applicant's attorney contacted Examiner Pham on March 2, 2006, and although no specific agreement was reached, Applicant's counsel appreciates the Examiner's courtesy in discussing the pending claims with Applicant's counsel.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18 as presently amended under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Yasuhara et al. EP Patent No. 1073123.

Previously, Applicant amended claims 1 and 13 to include a plurality of auxiliary electrodes arranged at a distance from one another and formed in pillar-type fashion. Applicant does not believe that the Yasuhara et al reference anticipates this pillar-type feature. After discussing this issue with the Examiner, with the present proposed Amendment/Reply Applicant further clarifies that the pillar-type feature has relatively *similar dimensions in the lateral direction*. As such, it is now quite clear that the pillar-type feature specified in the claims is not taught or suggested in the Yasuhara et al reference. Instead, the Yasuhara et al reference teaches a film 14 that has one dimension in the lateral direction (L) that is substantially larger than another dimension (w) in the lateral direction. Consequently, the Yasuhara et al reference does not teach or suggest the present invention.

This pillar-type feature is in amended claims 1 and 13, as well as pending dependant claims 4-12 and 16-20. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection to claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18, and requests allowance of these claims.

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Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 8, 10, and 19 as presently amended and 9, 11, and 20 as previously filed, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yasuhara et al. EP Patent No. 1073123 as applied to claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18 above, and further in view of the Gajda et al. U.S. Publication No. 2003/0042556.

Since claims 1 and 13 are now considered to be in condition for allowance as discussed above, dependant claims 8, 10, 19, and 9, 11, and 20 are also considered to be in allowable form. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection to claims 8, 10, 19, and 9, 11, and 20 and request allowance of these claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 4-13, and 16-20 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, entry of the present Amendment/Reply, and allowance of claims 1, 4-13, and 16-20 are respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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